

REMARKS

Applicant hereby request reconsideration of this Application in light of the amendments and remarks contained herein. Claims 15-20 have been canceled without prejudice. Claims 1-14 and 21-34 are indicated as having allowable material. Claims 1-14 and 21-34 are pending in this application.

Applicant has canceled claims 15-20, the rejection of which was affirmed by the Board of Appeals in its Decision on Appeal issued on March 17, 2003. Applicant has also amended the Abstract to conform with the requirements of the M.P.E.P. No new matter has been entered by these amendments. These amendments are being made to advance the prosecution of this application.

Applicant believes no fee is due with this response. However, if a fee is due, please charge our Deposit Account No. 08-2025, under Order No. 70970019-1, from which the undersigned is authorized to draw.

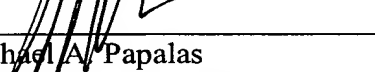
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Dated: December 5, 2003

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